

NEW RATE PUT ON CONTAINERS

Reduction by Southern Pacific Company Intended to Help Canners

An order lowering the freight rates on fruit crates, cartons and containers for fruit that is to be shipped to canneries or users, has just been issued through the office of J. H. Mulchay, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific railroad, at Portland. The order, which is in letter form, follows:

"In response to several requests, we have decided to establish the following rates on carriers (not new packages) empty; namely, tin can crates, fruit and vegetable boxes and crates, cider or vinegar barrels, when returned to original point of shipment from which forwarded loaded, or when shipped for a return paying load over the same line or route as the outbound movement empty.

12,000 Pounds Minimum

"Rates to apply on carloads with a minimum of 12,000 pounds, subject to minimum charge of \$10 per car, and according to the distance between points of movement:

- Fifteen miles or less 5 cents.
- Over 15 miles, not over 25 miles, 6 cents.
- Over 25 miles, not over 35 miles, 7 cents.
- Over 35 miles, not over 50 miles, 8 1/2 cents.
- Over 50 miles, not over 65 miles, 10 1/2 cents.
- Over 65 miles, not over 80 miles, 11 1/2 cents.
- Over 80 miles, not over 90 miles, 13 cents.
- Over 90 miles, not over 105 miles, 14 cents.
- Over 105 miles, not over 125 miles, 16 cents.
- Over 125 miles, not over 150 miles, 17 cents.
- Over 150 miles, not over 175 miles, 18 1/2 cents.
- Over 175 miles, not over 200 miles, 20 cents.
- Over 200 miles, not over 225 miles, 21 1/2 cents.
- Over 225 miles, not over 250 miles, 22 1/2 cents.
- Over 250 miles, not over 275 miles, 24 1/2 cents.
- Over 275 miles, not over 300 miles, 25 cents.
- Over 300 miles, not over 325 miles, 27 cents.
- Over 325 miles, not over 350 miles, 28 1/2 cents.

Polishing Provided.

"Agents will be required to police the movements and rates will be applied only where satisfactory evidence has been furnished: First, that the packages were originally forwarded full via our line and are being returned empty to the shipper of the original filled package, and second, that when the packages are forwarded for return paying load, satisfactory evidence that they are to be used for filling with fruits or vegetables, etc., and returned under load over the same line or route to the shipper of the original empty package.

Conditions Imperative

"If these conditions are not complied with, it is to be understood that the rates will not apply for reasons which I am sure you will readily appreciate.

"The reduction in rates will run from \$4 to \$15 per car, and which when taken into consideration with the recent general 10 per cent reduction, effective July 1, results in a very heavy decrease in the transportation charges for packages of the character mentioned. It is made in the sole interest of the farmer or fruit and vegetable grower, and to assist in the development of the canning industry along our lines.

Burns Help Appreciated

"In the negotiations and working out of this reduction, E. M. Burns, secretary of the Oregon Canners league, has been most helpful and I wish to take this opportunity of extending to you an acknowledgment of his services."

Missionary Society Has Marion Square Session

An interesting outdoor meeting of the Doman's Foreign Missionary society of the First Methodist church was held Wednesday afternoon at Marion square.

Mrs. E. E. Tomphey, the president and chairman for the day, outlined briefly the call for the meeting. Mrs. Blaine E. Kirkpatrick gave an address on "chain parties," a system of meetings to interest every member in getting 10 other members or attendants to become interested in the work of the society. Mrs. P. A. Legge also gave an interesting talk, as the hostess for the day.

Rev. Ralph Thomas, for years a dramatic star in Willamette university, and later of Kimball and now holding a pastorate at Turner, gave a number of readings. One of these was the thrilling, all-but-immortal song-poem of the last days of the world war, "The Americans Come." Its application to the mission field, in which America is leading the world in every branch of religious and practical applied brotherhood, was emphasized.

Henry VanDyke's poem "Home Again," was another of these of-

ferings, as was also a prayer by Whittier.

Mrs. H. F. Pemberton of South Salem, who lived for years in India, and several of whose children were born there, gave a thrilling story of her impressions of that far-off land.

Light refreshments, ice cream and wafers were served. The near-shower that came up during the afternoon, occurred during their program, forcing the women to take refuge in the band stand.

SILVERTON NEWS

SILVERTON, Ore., Aug. 9.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Mrs. Silas Forvend has returned from a trip east where she was called by the death of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Sebo and daughter, Miss Anna Sebo, were on a shopping tour to Salem Tuesday.

Miss Mary Moberg, who has been visiting at the L. H. Meyer home for two weeks, returned to her home at Scotts Mills Saturday.

Miss Lillie Madsen, Miss Cora Satern, Miss Lulu Goplerud, Mrs. M. J. Madsen, and Mrs. O. Satern motored to Salem Tuesday.

Miss Anna Sebo of Portland is spending a two weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Sebo.

Miss Inez Fry has taken employment at the Kafoury Bros. store at Salem.

Mrs. H. Hegtvigt was a Salem visitor Tuesday.

Misses Ruth and Ruby Dahl and Miss Eleanor Fry have returned from a camping trip to Wilholt Springs.

Miss Eva Digerness and Miss Mable Digerness were on a shopping trip to Salem Tuesday.

Mrs. William Steelhammer of Vale, Ore., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Steelhammer.

Mrs. Birsing of Howell Prairie is visiting at the C. L. Benson home. Mrs. Birsing will be one hundred years old this fall and is still able to get about and enjoy life.

Mrs. A. E. Torgerson has returned from the Bridgewater hospital at Albany where she has been taking medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pottjohn and children have returned from a visit at the coast.

COAL ACTION IS CHECKED

Delay is to Permit Illinois Operators to Decide on Participation

CLEVELAND, Aug. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—For a second time the joint interstate conference of coal miners and operators delayed action today to permit the hold-out Illinois operators to decide whether they would participate in negotiations that may end the soft coal strike.

Adjournment was taken until tomorrow, although virtual decision had been made by union leaders to negotiate a contract with the operators already enrolled in the conference, and who control only part of the coal production of the central competitive field.

Policy Committee Meets

As a forerunner to the conference session tomorrow afternoon, the union's policy committee will meet in the morning to pass finally on the question of a prospective settlement which would affect most Ohio mines and also scattered ones in western Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois, these four states forming the central competitive field.

The committee also expects to consider extension of the central field to other parts of Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Settlement Favored

Sentiment favoring a settlement with the operators here seemed predominant among the committee members, and was regarded as forecasting approval of the union leader's decision, which became known after President John L. Lewis of the miners had received assurance from operators in states outside the central field of their willingness to negotiate contracts on the basis made for that field.

Session Is Short

Only a short session marked the conference today, adjournment being followed with the announcement that the delay was to permit "certain important operating interests" to decide whether they would join in the negotiations.

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The heaviest and the fastest and the longest distance eaters, a draw.

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Volleyball, they lost the score and nobody would claim it.

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The tug-o-war, Salem won two straight and one crooked.

The story telling, the bonfire-building, the loudest laughs, the punkest excuses for poor playing at everything, a tie with both earning the cat o' nine tails or the plank or the electric chair.

The picnickers assembled about 5 o'clock, and made a whole evening of it. An elaborate picnic lunch was served to the 100 or

more guests. The athletic sports brought out a host of tall, wide, thick contestants—rotary, rotund, rollicking, reverberating roustabouts who were out for a rip-roaring time, and they had it.

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Other statistics shown in the report are: number of teachers, 218; average daily attendance, 4281; per cent of attendance, 96.2; average monthly salary of men teachers, \$161.75; average monthly salary of women teachers, \$103.65; total cost of grades from the first to the eighth inclusive, \$269,398.77; total cost of the high schools, \$144,647.34.

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